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FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE.*

OUR system of education, as it exists to-day, is based on the earnest conviction of the people that American boys and girls should be compelled to go to school to get the foundation of a good education, and should have the opportunity to continue their studies in secondary schools and colleges if they so desire. It is only in the states west of us that the college and university are a part of the system of free education of the state, but here also there is such ample provision by the older colleges for free tuition for needy students that one no longer regards poverty as a barrier to the higher education.

But the college and university will always be for the few favored ones who have the time as well as the aptitude for advanced study. For the masses the high school remains the capstone of our educa-

* An address delivered at the dedication of the new buildings of the Central High School of Philadelphia, November 22, 1902.